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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina P. O. Drawer 11649 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: 2013 Testing Program of Meters

Docket No. 1989-499-E

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

In accordance with Commission Order No. 90-131, dated February 6, 1990, Duke Energy Progress, Inc. ("DEP") is authorized to use a sample meter testing plan for testing single-phase meters and three-phase (self-contained) non-demand meters and to periodically test other meters in accordance with approved test plans.<sup>1</sup>

Group 840 is the only group of meters that did not pass the periodic test criteria in 2013. Group 840 did not pass the test criteria because two meters were found to be registering more than 102%. The test criteria specify that no more than one meter in each group may be found to register more than 102%. In 2013, all of the meters in the sample meter testing passed.

Based on the Order, meter groups that fail the test criteria are subject to corrective action consisting of "an accelerated test and maintenance program to raise the accuracy performance of the group to acceptable standards or...retirement of the meters in the group from service in an accelerated rate." Group 840 did not pass the periodic test criteria in 2012, so the group is already subject to an accelerated test and maintenance program and will continue to be on that plan for 2014. As stated in last year's letter, Group 828 did not pass the periodic test in 2012. DEP has chosen to retire and replace the meters in that group. That process will be complete by the end of 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Note that the results represent combined North Carolina and South Carolina figures.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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